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SUBJ: SC CONSIDERATION OF LEBANESE COMPLAINT ON ISRAELI
RAIDS

SUMMARY: APRIL 15 SC DEBATE ON LEBANESE COMPLAINT AGAINST
ISRAEL WAS CONFINED TO STATEMENTS BY LEBANON AND ISRAEL,
WITH EGYPT, SYRIA, KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA PARTICIPATING
IN SUPPORT OF LEBANON. DEBATE WAS FAIRLY LOW KEY, WITH
BOTH SIDES WARNING THAT CURRENT ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE
ENDANGERED NEW ERA OF HOPE FOR LONG-TERM SETTLEMENT.
NO RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED, ALTHOUGH LEBANESE MISSION
HAS GIVEN US COPY OF TOTALLY ONESIDED RESOLUTION
(SEPTEL) CONDEMINING ISRAEL AND DEMANDING RETURN OF
ABDUCTED LEBANESE CIVILIANS. END SUMMARY.

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1. LEBANESE FONMIN NAFFA OPENED SC DEBATE WITH STATEMENT WHICH MADE PASSING REFERENCE TO QIRYAT SHEMONA, DISCLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY AND DEPLORING VIOLENCE "WHEREVER IT OCCURS." HE THEN TOOK OFFENSIVE, ATTACKING ISRAEL FOR RETALIATORY RAIDS, UNJUST TREATMENT OF PALESTINIAN REFUGEES, ETC. NAFFA ENDED BY DEMANDING THAT COUNCIL DO MORE THAN ADOPT "ANOTHER CONDEMNATION THAT WILL BE IGNORED BY ISRAEL." TIME HAD COME, HE SAID, FOR COUNCIL TO TAKE NECESSARY AND ADEQUATE MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT ITS MANY PAST RESOLUTIONS CALLING ON ISRAEL TO DESIST FROM VIOLENCE.

2. ISRAELI PERMREP TEKOAH'S LONG STATEMENT AND RIGHT OF REPLY RANGED FROM EMOTIONAL REVIEW OF PAST ARAB TERRORIST ACTS TO DETAILED CITATION OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES ORIGINATING ON LEBANESE SOIL. SPECIFICALLY, TEKOAH CHARGED LEBANESE GOVT WITH HAVING SIGNED FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH TERRORISTS AND HAVING MADE NO EFFORTS TO CURB ACTIVITIES OF JABRIL ORGANIZATION, OPERATING FREELY FROM BEIRUT.

3. EGYPTIAN FONMIN FAHMI GAVE STRONG, EFFECTIVE SUPPORT TO LEBANON. HE SAID ISRAEL'S RESORT TO "BARBARIC ACTS" DEMONSTRATED THAT ISRAEL HAD REGRETTABLY NOT LEARNED THE LESSONS OF OCT 1973. ISRAEL MUST LEARN THAT ONLY WHEN IT HAD RENOUNCED OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND RESTORED RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS WOULD THERE BE NO MORE QIRYAT SHEMONAS. FAHMI ENDED BY WARNING ISRAEL THAT FURTHER AGGRESSION AGAINST LEBANON WOULD HAVE "DIRECT ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES" ON PROSPECT FOR PEACEFUL MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. SO ALSO, CONTINUED ESCALATION OF ATTACKS AGAINST SYRIA WOULD DAMAGE CHANCES OF NEW ERA OF PEACE.

4. COMMENT: LEBANESE MET EARLIER IN DAY WITH BOTH ARAB AND NON-ALIGNED GROUPS, BUT THEY HAVE NOT YET WIDELY CIRCULATED A DRAFT RESOLUTION. OUR ASSESSMENT IS THAT ULTIMATELY THEY WILL INSIST ON A RESOLUTION, DESPITE OUR WELL-KNOWN OPPOSITION TO FORMAL SC DECISION. AT PRESENT, BEST COURSE WOULD SEEM TO BE TO SIT TIGHT; IF RESOLUTION CANNOT BE AVOIDED, WE COULD START AFRESH WITH COMPLETELY BALANCED RESOLUTION. (DRAFT WHICH LEBANESE GAVE US IS CONFIDENTIAL

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CLEARLY TOO ONE-SIDED EVEN TO BE USED AS BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION.)

5. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON APRIL 16.
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